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## **Boston Connects, Inc. to Offer Community Technology Education Program for 100 Empowerment Zone Families**

The Board of Directors of Boston Connects, Inc. (BCI) voted Tuesday night, September 23, to approve \$270,000 in funding for the Community Technology Education program. The program aims to provide basic computer skills and access to technology services to at least 100 families in Boston's Empowerment Zone.

"One of the goals of BCI's Strategic Plan is to ensure that Empowerment Zone (EZ) residents have basic computer skills and access to technology as the basis for job opportunities and information sharing. The Community Technology Education Initiative aims to build technological skill sets for Zone families, which can be applied to everyday life. It is essential to the future of the Zone's families that adults and children alike build technology-related skill sets so that they can participate in the economy of the future," said Christine Araujo, BCI Executive Director.

The program will be administered by ABCD Parker Hill/South Boston, the Timothy Smith Collaborative, and Vine Street Community Center.

For more information contact BCI at (617) 541-2670.

Boston Connects, Inc. is the community-based organization working to create economic self-sufficiency for individuals, families and communities in Boston's Empowerment Zone.



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